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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): [[A]] __An assembly comprising, in combination:__
__a__ protective sleeve; __and__ ~~for use with~~

an extension bar comprising a detent and a button for controlling the detent, __with the__
__button having a first height extending radially from the extension bar and being pushable__
__into the extension bar to a second height extending radially from the extension bar less__
__than the first height, wherein__ the protective sleeve defines a hole and an aperture
~~communicated~~ __communicating__ with the hole, wherein the hole receives the extension bar when
the aperture receives the button.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The __assembly__ ~~protective sleeve~~ according to claim 1 __with__
__the protective sleeve__ defining a recess for receiving a user's finger, wherein the aperture is
located within the recess, __with the button extending into the recess at the first height__.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The __assembly__ ~~protective sleeve~~ according to claim [[1]] __2__
__with the protective sleeve__ comprising a thickness __extending radially from the extension bar__
__and outside of the recess, with the thickness being__ greater than the __first__ height of the button.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The __assembly__ ~~protective sleeve~~ according to claim [[1]] __3__
__with the protective sleeve__ comprising a periphery with a ~~conical__ __cylindrical__ portion and a
frustum-shaped portion sloping from the ~~conical__ __cylindrical__ portion __to an axial end__, wherein
the frustum-shaped portion of the periphery of the protective sleeve slopes to the ~~periphery of__
~~the__ extension bar as the protective sleeve is put on the extension bar, __with the cylindrical__
__portion including the thickness, with the recess formed in the cylindrical portion and the__
__frustum-shaped portion and extending to the axial end of the frustum-shaped portion, with__
__the cylindrical portion and the frustum-shaped portion each having an axial extent along__
__the extension bar, with the axial extent of the frustum-shaped portion being greater than__
__the thickness__.

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